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## Statement on Homelessness Prevention and Eviction Reform Bill Hearing

The Senate Committee on Housing and Development will hold a hearing on SB 799 in Hearing Room C at 8:00 AM on January 30th

**SALEM, Ore** - This morning, the Senate Committee on Housing and Development will hold their first hearing on <u>Senate Bill 799</u>, which relates to homelessness prevention and eviction reform, at 8:00 AM in Hearing Room C at the Oregon State Capitol.

Ahead of the hearing, chair of the committee, <u>Senator Kayse Jama</u> (D-Portland), released the following statement:

"This is the start of an important conversation about how reforms to our eviction system could prevent homelessness.

"Our goal is to run an inclusive process that leads to people staying in their homes and paying rent, while making sure Oregon attracts and retains affordable rental housing.

"Homelessness hurts us all – from the human beings living on our streets, to families struggling to meet their basic needs, to the folks losing rental income and property value. We have to come together and leave no stone unturned in pursuit of reasonable, effective solutions."

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